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600 Attend Farm Meeting

Program Rated Best in History

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More than 600 farm men, women, boys, girls and teachers attended the 15th annual farmers conference and ham show at the Tallapoosa County Training School, Camp Hill, Ala., and took part in one of the best programs ever held in the county. The theme of the conference was "Food for Victory." Adult members throughout the county had a lively discussion on what farm people of Tallapoosa County are doing for national defense, which centered around the food program. The main feature of the program was an address delivered by T. M. Campbell, field agent for extension work. He stated that "in planning for national defense, we must first think of self defense as related to healthy bodies and places that we call home. We must win the war against disease, undernourished bodies, poverty, and ignorance." He also stated that farm fathers and mothers must make their homes and environment more livable and inviting if they expect for their children to remain or return to those homes after coming in contact with better living conditions elsewhere. V. C. Turner, state agent for negro boys, discussed the 4-H Club boys and girls part in the "Food for Victory Program." Some of the 4-H Club members made report on their projects in this connection. Others taking part on the program were: the Rev. C. W. Kelly, of Tuskegee, Miss Myrtle Wilson (white), home agent; K. Welch (white) 4-H Club agent; J. A. Kitchens, farm agent of Lee County and Miss W. E. Callins, home agent. Leon Bonner and Miss Irene Bledsoe Jones, negro FSA supervisor of Tallapoosa County; Mrs. Bessie Smith, Jeanes supervisor and Edward Bell, principal of the County Training School.

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The singing contest between 4-H Clubs in the county was of much interest. Wall Street won first prize, Mrs. Gladys Heard in charge; Ozias, second, with Miss Juanita Lane conducting; and New Adka third with Mrs. Dorothey Pogue directing.

Another feature of the day was a short ceremony conducted by the members of the County Leaders Association who represented the various adult clubs throughout the county, at which time they presented a large picture of D. D. Crawford, which is to be hung in the agents office. They also presented Mr. Crawford tokens of appreciation for his 24 years service as an extension agent in Tallapoosa County, yet still active as the assistant agent. Mr. Campbell remarked that there are different types of heroes, but that Mr. Crawford is a hero as a result of his long years of faithful service and good work as a pioneer of extension work in Tallapoosa County.

The exhibit in keeping with the theme of the program, was made up of hams, canned products of all varieties, dried, dairy and poultry products, syrup, lard, posters on balanced meals and how to buy. The color scheme was red, white and blue.

The merchants and business people of Dadeville and Camp Hill gave merchandise and money, making it possible to give prizes to the farm people on the articles exhibited. Miss Effie L. Belle, home demonstration agent; S. J. McCorey, county agent; and D. D. Crawford, assistant.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News
February 2, 1942

Negro Farm Meet Set Here

County-Wide Confab Slated At Training School Wednesday

The sixth annual Negro Farmers' Conference for Tuscaloosa County will be held at the County Training School, Northport, on Wednesday, February 4 from 4 a. m. to 2 p. m.

This conference will bring together negro farm leaders from 21 different communities in the county. A series of special meetings have been held recently on the "Food For Victory" program in all of the communities and the conference will be largely for the purpose of mapping out a unified county program of increased food production on every farm.

Agricultural workers from several adjoining counties are expected to be present. The principal speech for the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. M. C. Williams who is the chairman of the ministers agricultural study group for this county. Others will appear on the speaking program which will begin at 11:30 o'clock.

At 10 o'clock the men will assemble in the vocational agricultural department to study repairing farm machinery, curing meat and approved methods of crop production. The women will assemble in the vocational home economics department to study foods and nutrition and their place in the national emergency.

In arranging for the conference, Prof. J. L. Collins, principal of the County Training School, has made every arrangement possible for the comfort and convenience of those in attendance. The committee consists of C. E. Trout, negro county agent, I. B. Crosby, negro home demonstration agent, Pauline Jones, vocational home economics teacher, Earnest Palmore, vocational agricultural teacher, and Principal J. L. Collins.

The committee joins in extending a cordial invitation to the general public to attend the conference. It is hoped that this conference will serve a vital need for informing the group of the task to be done and that it will inspire them to go out and do their best n an all out production program.

Opelika Ala News
January 29, 1942

Lee Negro Farmers Meeting Is Success, Over 1,000 Attend

More than 1,000 farm men, women, boys and girls, representing 31 school communities and their teachers, attended the twelfth Annual Lee County Negro Farmers Conference, Friday, January 23, at the Lee County Training School, Auburn, and witnessed one of the best programs in the history of the conference. Lively discussions on "What We Can Do To Win the War" and "Food for Freedom" were taken part in by both the speakers on program and the farmers themselves.

Featuring the program was an address by Dr. F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute. Speaking of the present war emergency, Dr. Patterson said in part, "Don't let anybody tell you that this is not our war; we have just as much at stake and just as much to lose as any American citizen, and it is highly important that we gird ourselves to the task of winning the war by making the largest possible contribution to the production of more food and feed as well as sending strong men to the front. This is no time to whine or complain about what we are not getting, but a time of concerted action. Any injustice or unfairness that we may have suffered is nothing compared with 'Hitlerism' to which no true American will submit."

Prof. Richard H. Richardson, Project Supervisor of the AL LU 8, Tuskegee Institute, told of the great need of more gardens throughout the state and called attention to the fact that in 1941 there were 49,243 farm families without a garden according to figures obtained by the Alabama Experiment Station. He urged the men to take a bigger hand in helping to make the garden, as it had been shown that men spend on an average three hours per year in the home garden.

V. C. Turner, State Club Agent for Negro Boys, Tuskegee Institute, urged each farmer to go back home and decide what "I" can do to help win the war and stressed the importance of increasing the basic feed crops; such as, corn, oats, peanuts and soybeans for oil as called for by the Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard.

J. A. Walls, Swine Division, Tuskegee Institute, stressed building more permanent pastures as a means of reducing the cost of meat production, and showed how a proper system of grazing throughout the year would cut the cost of producing 100 pounds of pork nearly half.

Charles Dobbs, Dairy Division, Tuskegee Institute, told in an uncompromising way the need of better care of cows and the proper appreciation of the same among farm people. "The cow should be considered a member of the farm family and treated as such," says Dobbs. He likened the cow unto a powerful machine that can go out daily and gather the grass from the fields for which we have no use, as such, and manufacture it into the finest finished product which he called "Heavenly food, because the Bible speaks of feasting on "milk and honey."

Dr. A. S. Dix, County Health Officer, spoke in no uncertain terms of the present need of sanitation in rural areas of Lee County where 60% of the tenant population is colored. He also urged farm people to take advantage of the clinics being held over the county for immunization against smallpox, typhoid and diphtheria, as well as making their wells safe against contaminations of all kinds, and to avoid the possibility of an epidemic in time of war, which has killed more people in former years than bullets.

Mr. George H. Dyar, county agent told how farmers could improve the farm income by planting more peanuts for oil in 1942, and gave specific instructions in preparing, fertilizing, and planting the crop. He also emphasized the importance of taking better care of all livestock and particularly cows, as a means of increasing farm income. "There is evidence that there are already better cows in Lee County than there are owners," said Mr. Dyar.

After the men had produced the food and the women conserved it, Miss Mobelia E. Johnson, Home Demonstration Agent, Chambers County, compared the body with an automobile. "The body needs food, the right kind, properly planned, prepared and served," she said. We need to take more time and plan better meals, meals with more fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs and less meat. If you cannot buy citrus fruits, you can open a jar of canned tomatoes or

tomato juice," the group was told. She planned a dinner menu from a pantry display of fresh, dried, canned and pickled food products.

Miss J. L. Dent, R.N., of the Movable School, Tuskegee Institute, gave a short and spicy demonstration in the use of kitchen gadgets in preventing accidents in the home.

Prizes were awarded to the school community and teachers bringing the largest number of farmers above ten as follows: Mt. Vernon, first place with 50 in attendance; Loachapoka, second, with 39; and Flint Hill, third, with 24. These prizes were made possible by the Opelika Chamber of Commerce of which Mr. J. D. McKibben is Secretary.

Visitors at the conference were Mrs. Mary F. McDavid, State Jeanes Supervisor, Montgomery; Miss J. L. Dent, R. N., of the Movable School, Tuskegee Institute; and Mr. John Drew, Tuskegee Hospital Service Corporation, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Birmingham Ala Age-Herald
October 30, 1942

NEGROES TO HOLD FARM CONFERENCE

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 29—(AP)—Special meetings for Negro members of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation will be held early in January, Walter L. Randolph, federation president, said Thursday.

Arrangements are being made to hold the meetings at Tuskegee Institute and at the Negro Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal.

Speakers at the meetings will include state and national agricultural leaders and the discussions will cover problems facing farmers in their all-out effort to produce food and fiber needed to win the war Randolph said.

Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union
November 2, 1942

Reports on Negro Farmers' War Work Heard at Conference

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 1.—Sixteen Northwest and Central Florida counties with large percentages of negro farm families were represented by farm and home agents, vocational agricultural teachers, jeans workers, principals of schools and pastors of churches in a four day conference in connection with the agents' annual conference, at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College in Tallahassee, the last week, beginning Tuesday and continuing through Friday. The joint program prepared by the State Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricul- centered around farm and home practices in wartime through which farm families might make the farm count more toward winning the war in 1943 than was possible for them to achieve in 1942.

Reports on the results accomplished to date in 1942, by the 400 or more negro volunteer war workers in these counties, accompanied by pledge cards to increase these results in 1943 given by these workers, were said to have left no doubt in the minds of representatives from State and Federal departments present and participating on program, of the sincere and conscientious effort of the negro farmers to reach the "goals" set in supplying those food commodities calculated by the Department of Agriculture as vital. The three dozen or more rural workers who assembled for this special training, it was stated, will relay the instruction they received to the Volunteer War Workers in their respective counties, through whom the information given at the conference will reach every negro farm home in the counties, represented at the conference.

The conference was under auspices of the Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville and Tallahassee, co-operating with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C., the Vocational Agricultural Department, State Defense Council, Farm Security Administration, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, and Department of Agriculture, Tallahassee. The program was in charge of A. A. Turner, local district agent of farm demonstration work, and B. S. Shute, local district home demonstration agent of the agricultural extension service, with headquarters at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College. Addressing the groups at the general assembly in the college auditorium Wednesday was the Rev. J. E. Culmer, Episcopal District, Miami. The Rev. N. Z. Graham and the Rev. William Burns, local pastors, pledged their support to the "Victory Garden" campaign in the Capitol City, at the closing session of the conference.

Valdosta, Ga., Daily Times
January 28, 1942

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET HERE

Mass Meeting of Negro Farmers Called to Discuss Coordinated Effort to Increase Production

A mass meeting of Negro farmers, and their wives, will be held at the courthouse, Wednesday, February 4, for the purpose of organizing to increase the production of vital foods and other farm products, as a defense measure.

The meeting has been called by the Georgia State Committee for Civilian Defense, Negro Division, and all farmers of the negro race in the county are urged to make arrangements to attend.

Under tenative plans, organizations will be perfected in each school district in the county, and chairman and vice chairmen will be nominated and elected for each district.

It will then be the duty of those chairmen to confer with state and national leaders, for plans to increase the production of Negro-operated farms in the county.

Similar organizations are being undertaken throughout the nation.

The committee is stressing the fact that the Negro farmer will play an important part in the nation's all-out war effort, in providing enough foods for the nation, and its allies, in the war against the aggressors.

Mayor J. D. Ashley, as local coordinator of a number of defense agencies has been asked to assist in making the meeting a successful one.

The Negro division of the defense committee of the state is expected to send representatives here to outline the plans and duties of those cooperating in the movement.

Dawson, Ga., News
December 10, 1942

NEGROES HOLD FARM INSTITUTE IN SASSER

PROF. JOHN SIMS, OF SASSER SCHOOL, TALKS OF "SOLDIER BEHIND THE PLOW."

Attending the first annual farmers' institute for the Sasser community held at the Sasser colored school Friday, of the past week, Mr. John Sims, superintendent of the Sasser schools, was the principal speaker. A hundred farm people, teachers and visitors heard Mr. Sims as he addressed them on the subject, "The Place of the Food Production Program in the Community."

Mr. Sims was informative throughout his address and told how all could play a very definite part in support of the war effort. "The Soldier Behind the Plow," he said, has become of indispensable importance by raising more vegetables, more hogs, more chickens, more food for the family and more feed for stock, as well as some to spare to supply the enormous needs of the fighting forces on the home and foreign fronts.

Dr. A. S. Clark, president-emeritus of the Gillespie-Seldon Institute of Cordele, speaking inspirationally to the conference at the closing, urged the importance of the continuance of every effort toward the development of a strong community.

This meeting constituting the first annual farmers' institute in the Sasser community, directed by R. T. Camp, vocational agricultural teacher in the Sasser and Laing schools, assisted by negro county agent Wm. R. King and teachers of the Sasser school, indicated much credit to Camp for this community-building gesture.

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Yazoo City, Miss. Herald
November 27, 1942

Negro Farmers to Have Meet Series

Meetings to be Held Throughout County Nov. 30 to Dec. 5

A series of eleven meetings will be held with negro farmers during the week of November 30 to December 5, according to a statement issued by D. W. Lindsey. negro county agent.

Farmers will be given facts relative to the world cotton situation prior to voting in the 1943 Cotton Marketing Referendum, scheduled for December 12.

There will also be a discussion on slaughtering, curing and preserving meats on the farm. In this connection, a picture show entitled "Pork on the Farm," will be shown.

Over 300 farmers and housewives are expected to attend these meetings.

Communities, places, dates and time of meetings are as follows:

Yazoo City — Afro-Auditorium, December 5, at 11:00 a. m.

Holly Bluff—Union Baptist Church, November 30, at 10:00 a. m.

Lake City—Burrus Line School, November 30, at 2:00 p. m.

Carter—Bethel Church. November 30, at 7:30 p. m.

Wilburn—Wilburn School (church) December 1, at 10:00 a. m.

Deasonville—Mt. Zion Church, December 1, at 2:00 p. m.

Eden—Morning Star Church, December 1, at 7:30 p. m.

Satratia—Rose Hill Church, December 3, at 10:00 a. m.

Bentonia—Mt. Olive Church, December 3, at 2:00 p. m.

Fugate—Mt. Nebo Church—December 3, at 7:30 p. m.

Benton—Oak Grove Church, December 4, at 2:00 p. m.

A. R. Ruby, county agent, will assist with all meetings.

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